

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the following at page 9, lines 14-17 of the specification as originally filed:

--Examples of DTMRs which are associated with splicing include those described in Philips *et al.* (2000), *Cell. Mol. Life Sci.*, 57:235-249[[]], for example, spinal muscular atrophy (SMA), as well as, FTDP-17 (frontotemporal dementia with parkinsonism) and β -thalassemia.--